## PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER AND ENERGY EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, because of extreme low temperatures, high winds, high demand for propane during a late harvest season, and record high demand for propane throughout the upper Midwest portions of the United States, the demand for propane in Iowa is at an all-time high within the state of Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, citizens throughout the State of Iowa are at risk of losing access to propane for purposes of heating their homes, thereby creating a significant risk of imminent harm to their personal health and safety and creating an energy emergency within our state; and

**WHEREAS**, this energy emergency threatens the peace, health, and safety of citizens of the State of Iowa and provide legal justification for the issuance of a Proclamation of a State of Disaster and Energy Emergency pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.6(1); and

**WHEREAS**, these propane shortages have been of a continuing nature and have required me to issue two prior Proclamations of Disaster Emergency, one on December 18, 2013 and a second on January 10, 2014, in order to temporarily waive certain hour of service requirements under Iowa Code § 321.449 for the drivers of commercial motor vehicles transporting propane. This was done to speed the transport of needed propane throughout the state of Iowa. Despite these prior efforts the risks to Iowa homeowners remain significant and unabated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERRY E. BRANSTAD, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the Iowa Constitution Art. IV, §§ 1, 8 and Iowa Code § 29C.6(1), and all other applicable laws, do hereby proclaim a STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY AND ENERGY EMERGENCY for the entire state of Iowa, and do further specifically ORDER and DIRECT the following:

**SECTION ONE.** As required by Iowa Code § 29C.6(1), (10) and 42 U.S.C. § 5170 in cases of Presidential Disaster Declarations, this Proclamation of Disaster Emergency activates the disaster response and recovery aspect of the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department's Iowa Emergency Response Plan and those additional response plans applicable to the counties affected by this disaster and authorizes the use and deployment of all available state resources, supplies, equipment, and materials as are reasonably necessary to assist those citizens located in the disaster county.

**SECTION TWO.** This **STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY AND ENERGY EMERGENCY** shall be effective immediately, shall continue for thirty (30) days, and shall expire on March 2, 2014, at 11:59 p.m., unless sooner terminated or extended in writing by me. Iowa Code § 29C.6(1).

ATTEST:

MATT SCHULTZ

SECRETARY OF STATE